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CLAIMS:

1. A portable anchor for use on a roof, the portable anchor comprising:
an attachment member adapted to attach to an edge region of the roof;
5 a force distribution member extending transversely to the attachment member and adapted for location on an upper surface of the roof; and
a connection means mounted to the attachment member or the force distribution member, the connection means adapted to receive a load support line, wherein the connection means is positioned in the vicinity of a junction between
10 the attachment member and the force distribution member.
2. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the connection means is positioned in a lower half of the force distribution member.
- 15 3. The portable anchor of claim 2 wherein the connection means is positioned in a lower quarter of the force distribution member.
4. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the connection means is positioned within 50 centimetres of a junction of the force distribution member and the
20 attachment member.
5. The portable anchor of claim 4 wherein the connection means is positioned within 25 centimetres of the junction.
- 25 6. The portable anchor of claim 5 wherein the connection means is positioned within 10 centimetres of the junction.
7. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the connection means is positioned at or around an edge of the roof in use.
- 30 8. The portable anchor of any preceding claim wherein the connection means

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is an eye.

9. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the attachment member is formed as an elongate member having a gap formed by a first side structure and a second side structure spaced from the first side structure, the gap adapted to locate around an edge of the roof.
10. A portable anchor claim 9 wherein the first side structure is contoured to conform to a profile of an underside of the roof edge.
11. The portable anchor member of claim 9 wherein the first side structure is padded.
12. The portable anchor of claim 11 wherein the padding includes slip resistant material on its outer surface.
13. The portable anchor of claim 9 wherein the first side structure and second side structure form clamping means for clamping at least a part of the roof edge in the gap.
14. The portable anchor of claim 12 wherein the clamping means is adjustable to vary the gap.
15. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the attachment member includes a stop structure to engage an edge of the roof.
16. The portable anchor of claim 14 wherein the stop structure is a wall.
17. The portable anchor of claim 9 wherein the second side structure is formed as two shaft members each with a longitudinal axis orientated substantially perpendicularly to the first side structure.

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18. The portable anchor of claim 17 wherein the two shaft members are positioned each towards a respective outer end of the elongate members.
- 5 19. The portable roof anchor of claim 18 wherein the shaft members are threadably engaged with support brackets thereby providing adjustment means for adjusting the gap.
20. The portable anchor of claim 9 wherein the second side structure is formed
10 as two cam locking catches each located towards a respective outer end of the elongate members.
21. The portable anchor of any one of the preceding claims wherein the force
15 distribution member is formed as an elongate cylindrical member, preferably tubular.
22. The portable anchor of claim 21 wherein the cylindrical, tubular member is dimensioned to substantially occupy a corrugation in a corrugated roof.
- 20 23. The portable anchor of claim 21 wherein the force distribution member is substantially perpendicular to the attachment member.
24. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the force distribution member is
25 formed as a substantially planar member.
25. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the force distribution member is formed to correspond with an outer shape of the roof.
26. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the force distribution member
30 includes a foot engaging the roof surface.

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27. The portable anchor of claim 8 wherein the eye is removably mounted in an aperture in the force distribution member.
28. The portable anchor of claim 1 wherein the connection means is a shackle
5 or hook mounted on the force distribution member or the attachment member.
29. The portable anchor of any one of the preceding claims further including a safety line fixed permanently to the connection means.
- 10 30. A portable roof anchor comprising
an attachment foot formed as an elongate L shaped bar;
two spaced locking arrangements disposed transversely to one surface of
the L shaped bar and positioned to each co-operate with a respective end region
of the attachment foot;
15 a cylindrical arm connected approximately centrally to the foot and
extending perpendicular thereto;
an attachment aperture formed in or mounted on the foot or the arm;
wherein:
the components are configured to compressively engage a roof edge region
20 between one surface of the L shaped bar and the locking arrangements, with the
arm positionable on the roof and the attachment aperture, in use, positioned in the
vicinity of the roof edge.
31. The portable roof anchor of claim 30 wherein the locking arrangements are
25 each a rotatable lever with a cammed surface configured to compress the anchor
into engagement with the roof.
32. The portable roof anchor of claim 30 wherein the spaced locking
arrangements are each a threaded shaft mounted in a threaded bracket and
30 rotatable into and out of contact with the roof to thereby fix the anchor in position.

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33. A method of providing a roof anchor, said method comprising the steps of locating an attachment member in contact with an edge of the roof, positioning an arm directed upward on the roof, the arm extending transversely from the attachment member and fixing a safety line to the roof anchor at or around the
5 level of the roof edge.

34. The method of claim 33 further comprising the step of locking the roof anchor to the roof.